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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **STATE SCIENCE FAIR SET FOR APRIL 8-9 AT UM**

#### **MISSOULA—**

Many of the state's brightest young minds will strut their stuff during the 47th annual Montana Science Fair, which will be held April 8-9 at The University of Montana. The public is invited to view the displays from 6:30 to 9 p.m. Monday, April 8, and 8 to 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 9, in the Adams Center. Admission is free.

High school students in grades nine through 12 (Division I) will compete for prizes in 14 categories, ranging from biochemistry and botany to engineering and zoology. Teams with two to three members also will compete in the 14 categories. Junior high students in grades seven and eight (Division II), as well as sixth-graders, will compete in the physical and biological sciences within their respective grade levels.

The top two Grand Award individuals and the Grand Award team in Division I will win gold medals and expense-paid trips to the INTEL International Science and Engineering Fair, scheduled for May 11-18 in Louisville, Ky. Top award winners in the seventh- and eighth-grade categories will earn silver and bronze medals.

Judging will take place from 1 to 4:30 p.m. April 8, and an awards ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. April 9 in the University Theatre.

The year's Montana Science Fair is sponsored by the UM Foundation Excellence Fund,

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the Missoula Exchange Club and the following UM departments: the President's Office, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Administration and Finance, and Research and Development. The fair was founded in 1955 by Reuben Diettert, UM Professor Emeritus of botany. Diettert directed the fair for 18 years.

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